Travel will power our economic recovery. Why travel matters to **DELAWARE**

**STATE** | **SPENDING** | **PAYROLL** | **JOBS** | **TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT RANKING** | **TAX RECEIPTS**
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2019 | $2.5 Billion | $642.3 Million | 17,932 | 9 | $285.5 Million
2020 | ▼ -33% | | | ▼ -26% |

In **Delaware**, as our attractions, hotels, restaurants and more were unable to welcome visitors, our once thriving travel and tourism industry was no longer the significant economic driver it had been.

In 2019:
- Domestic and international travelers spent **$2.5 billion** exploring our state
- For every **$1 million** spent in Delaware by domestic and international travelers, **7.1 jobs are created**
- The **17,932 travel-supported jobs** represented **4.6% of Delaware’s total private industry employment**, without which our unemployment rate of **3.7%** would have been **8.1% of the labor force**
- Travel spending generated **$285.5 million to federal, state and local governments**, which help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers

**Delaware** experienced severe losses in 2020.
- Spending by domestic and international travelers declined by **33%**, shuttering many local businesses and putting our residents out of work
- Due to the decline in spending, **federal, state and local tax receipts declined by 26%**, jeopardizing jobs and public programs—which we need more than ever as we work toward recovery

**FROM COAST-TO-COAST, THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS DECIMATED THE NATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY.**

| 2020 SPENDING: $680.3 BILLION | 2019 SPENDING: $1.2 TRILLION |
| 2020 TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT: $1.5 TRILLION | 2019 ECONOMIC OUTPUT: $2.6 TRILLION |
| 2020 TOTAL JOBS: 11 MILLION | 2019 TOTAL JOBS: 17 MILLION |

Travel will refuel our economy, rebuild our workforce, and reconnect Americans.

Support **TRAVEL** • Support **RECOVERY** • Support **JOBS**